

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims ~~1-33~~, ~~35-55~~ and ~~57-76~~.

34. (amended) A method of identifying modified single-stranded ribonucleic acid ligands to PDGF comprising:

- A36
- a) contacting a candidate mixture of modified single-stranded ribonucleic acids with PDGF, wherein ribonucleic acids having an increased affinity to PDGF relative to the candidate mixture may be partitioned from the remainder of the candidate mixture;
 - b) partitioning the increased affinity ribonucleic acids from the remainder of the candidate mixture; and
 - c) amplifying the increased affinity ribonucleic acids to yield a mixture of nucleic acids enriched for nucleic acid sequences with relatively higher affinity and specificity for binding to PDGF, whereby modified ribonucleic acid ligands of PDGF may be identified.

56. (amended) A method of identifying modified single-stranded ribonucleic acid ligands to hKGF comprising:

- A37
- a) contacting a candidate mixture of modified single-stranded ribonucleic acids with hKGF, whereby ribonucleic acids having an increased affinity to hKGF relative to the candidate mixture may be partitioned from the remainder of the candidate mixture;
 - b) partitioning the increased affinity ribonucleic acids from the remainder of the candidate mixture; and
 - c) amplifying the increased affinity ribonucleic acids to yield a mixture of ribonucleic acids enriched for ribonucleic acid sequences with relatively higher affinity and specificity for binding to hKGF, whereby modified ribonucleic acid ligands of hKGF may be identified.

In the Figures:

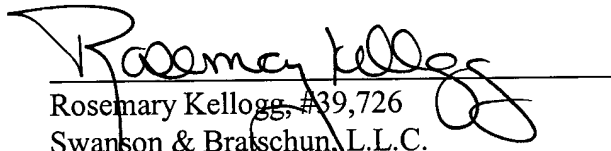
Please replace Figures 12 C and 12D as filed with the enclosed Figures 12C and 12D. In

NE Figure 12C, SEQ ID NO:70 was added to the consensus sequence. In Figure 12D, the Summary

Structure has been corrected. Support for this amendment can be found in the sequences listed above this structure in Figure 12D. I hereby state that no new matter has been added to either of these figures. 37 C.F.R. § 1.125.

The Examiner is hereby encouraged to telephone the undersigned should there be any questions or concerns regarding this amendment.

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